

**Investment Objective**

The World Stars Global Equity Fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a concentrated selection of shares in leading global companies with enduring competitive advantages and a long runway of growth.

We select companies based on our own fundamental research, taking a long-term horizon. We do not follow benchmarks and always seek to invest in quality and value.

Quality means companies that are global leaders, have strong competitive positions and pricing power in structurally attractive and growing markets, have management teams with strong records of value creation and have robust balance sheets.

Value means buying those companies at prices that allow for the prospect of significant capital growth over 5-10 years or more.

**AUM**

Firm: US\$2.1bn WSGE Strategy: US\$1.8bn Fund: US\$382m

**World Stars Global Equity (WSGE) Performance, USD**



**Net Performance, % Total Return, USD**

|                       | Feb-25 | 3 M  | 2025 YTD | 1 Yr  | 3 Yr  | Cumulative |        |                 | Annualised |       |       |                 |
|-----------------------|--------|------|----------|-------|-------|------------|--------|-----------------|------------|-------|-------|-----------------|
|                       |        |      |          |       |       | 5 Yr       | 10 Yr  | Since Inception | 3 Yr       | 5 Yr  | 10 Yr | Since Inception |
| <b>Portfolio</b>      | -1.7   | +0.2 | +2.4     | +7.2  | +29.2 | +77.5      | +170.2 | +253.7          | +8.9       | +12.2 | +10.4 | +10.7           |
| <i>MSCI World NTR</i> | -0.7   | +0.1 | +2.8     | +15.6 | +33.9 | +91.8      | +155.2 | +261.4          | +10.2      | +13.9 | +9.8  | +10.9           |

**Top 5 Holdings**

| Stock      | Sector                 | %   |
|------------|------------------------|-----|
| Nvidia     | Information Technology | 7.4 |
| Meta       | Communication Services | 5.4 |
| Amazon     | Consumer Discretionary | 4.9 |
| Mastercard | Financials             | 4.7 |
| Eaton      | Industrials            | 4.2 |

**Key Facts**

|                           |       |  |           |
|---------------------------|-------|--|-----------|
| No. of Stocks             | 30    | Median Market Cap <sup>1</sup>           | US\$184bn |
| Gross Dividend Yield      | 1.2%  | Cash % of NAV                            | 1.8%      |
| Active Share <sup>^</sup> | 84.5% | 5 Year Standard Deviation                | 17.6%     |
| Best Month                | 10.8% | 5 Year Sharpe Ratio                      | 0.79      |
| Worst Month               | -9.6% | Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover <sup>2</sup> | 10.8%     |
| Average Month             | 0.9%  | 5 Year Max. Drawdown                     | -31.2%    |
| % Positive Months         | 65.1% | 5 Year Beta                              | 0.96      |

Performance since launch on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 is that of the Fund's A1 USD Share class. Prior to launch performance was that of J. Stern & Co.'s World Stars USD Strategy, a model or hypothetical portfolio, unhedged, which the Fund follows, based on total return (with dividends reinvested) and net of 1% fees per annum, deducted quarterly in arrears. Inception is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results; the value of any investment can fall as well as rise; and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The MSCI World Net Total Return Index reflects large and mid-cap issuers across 23 developed markets countries and is the benchmark for the Fund. The total return index includes price performance and income after tax from regular cash distributions. Source: Factset, Wize, Bloomberg, J. Stern & Co. As at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**Share Class Summary**

| Share Class | NAV      | AMC   | OCF*  | Minimum    | ISIN         |
|-------------|----------|-------|-------|------------|--------------|
| A1 Acc USD  | 1,877.22 | 0.90% | 1.12% | 1,000,000  | LU1952142120 |
| A1 Acc EUR  | 2,078.02 | 0.90% | 1.12% | 1,000,000  | LU1979603963 |
| A1 Acc GBP  | 1,777.65 | 0.90% | 1.12% | 1,000,000  | LU1979604003 |
| A1H Acc GBP | 1,258.31 | 0.90% | 1.12% | 1,000,000  | LU2549545601 |
| A1 Acc CHF  | 1,246.96 | 0.90% | 1.12% | 1,000,000  | LU1979604185 |
| A5 Acc USD  | 1,905.98 | 0.65% | 0.87% | 1,000,000  | LU1963577264 |
| B1 Acc USD  | 1,753.99 | 1.20% | 1.46% | 5,000      | LU1952142476 |
| B1 Acc EUR  | 1,580.37 | 1.20% | 1.46% | 5,000      | LU1979605828 |
| B1 Acc GBP  | 1,809.28 | 1.20% | 1.46% | 5,000      | LU1979606040 |
| L1 Acc USD  | 1,096.01 | 0.75% | 0.97% | 25,000,000 | LU2782975945 |
| L1 Acc EUR  | 1,125.07 | 0.75% | 0.97% | 25,000,000 | LU2782976083 |
| L1 Acc GBP  | 1,084.15 | 0.75% | 0.97% | 25,000,000 | LU2782975861 |

\*OCF (Ongoing Charges Figure) includes the annual management charge and aggregate operating expenses chargeable to the Fund. For more details on fees and charges, please see the Prospectus.

**Portfolio Comment**

Global markets were impacted by increased geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainty in February. Our World Stars Global Equity fund gave up ground after a strong January despite a robust Q4 results season for most of our companies.

The macroeconomic picture was mixed with concerns over the inflationary impact of US tariffs and a significant decline in US consumer confidence. The yield on 10-year Treasury bonds fell to 4.2% in February with the market now anticipating two cuts by the US Fed in 2025.

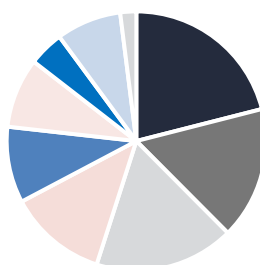
Nestle (+12%) was the top performer. The message from the new management team of increased urgency, significant cost savings to invest in innovation, higher marketing and stronger incentives should allow the company to return to its long-term growth algorithm.

Continued announcements of significant new investments in AI by global companies highlighted the opportunities for many of the stocks we hold, with digital and industrial companies providing the equipment and eco-systems, and others using AI to drive customer engagement and high margin revenues.

The resilience of our fund's performance provides evidence of the benefit of the greater diversification and lower valuations of our stocks. It also validates our decision at the end of last year to reduce some of the more highly-valued positions in technology companies.

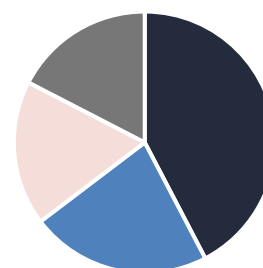
GICS Sector Allocation

- Information Technology 21.0%
- Health Care 16.5%
- Industrials 17.4%
- Communication Services 12.3%
- Consumer Staples 9.5%
- Consumer Discretionary 8.7%
- Financials 4.4%
- Materials 8.1%
- Real Estate 2%



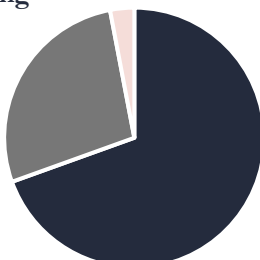
J. Stern & Co. Allocation

- Digital Transformation 42.3%
- Industrials & Infrastructure 22.3%
- Healthcare & Life Sciences 17.9%
- Consumer 17.4%



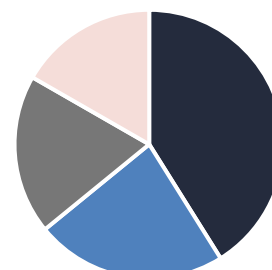
Geographic Exposure by Listing

- USA 69.5%
- Europe ex-UK 27.5%
- UK 3.0%



Geographic Exposure of Sales

- USA 41.1%
- Asia 23.0%
- Europe 19.2%
- Rest of World 16.7%



Monthly Net Performance, % Total Return, USD

|      | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr   | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sept | Oct   | Nov  | Dec  | YTD   | MSCI World NTR | Excess return |
|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|----------------|---------------|
| 2012 | -    | -    | -    | -     | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -1.8  | +4.2 | +0.4 | +2.8  | +1.9           | +0.9          |
| 2013 | +3.3 | +5.4 | +0.8 | +1.4  | -1.1 | -2.8 | +3.3 | -2.9 | +6.2 | +4.2  | +1.7 | +1.9 | +23.1 | +26.7          | -3.6          |
| 2014 | -5.7 | +6.5 | -0.5 | +1.8  | +1.9 | +1.9 | -4.6 | +2.6 | -3.1 | -0.8  | +2.2 | -2.8 | -1.3  | +4.9           | -6.2          |
| 2015 | -0.4 | +5.3 | -2.8 | +2.8  | +1.6 | -4.2 | +2.7 | -7.8 | -4.3 | +10.0 | +0.9 | -1.3 | +1.4  | -0.9           | +2.3          |
| 2016 | -5.7 | +0.4 | +7.1 | +1.2  | +0.7 | +1.8 | +2.5 | -0.4 | +2.4 | -3.7  | -2.1 | +1.5 | +5.0  | +7.5           | -2.5          |
| 2017 | +4.7 | +3.1 | +3.5 | +3.4  | +4.4 | -1.6 | +2.5 | +0.4 | +1.1 | +4.4  | +0.3 | +1.8 | +31.8 | +22.4          | +9.4          |
| 2018 | +8.1 | -3.3 | -0.9 | +0.3  | +2.7 | +0.5 | +3.0 | +0.4 | +1.1 | -9.3  | -0.4 | -6.5 | -5.2  | -8.7           | +3.5          |
| 2019 | +5.8 | +1.9 | +4.2 | +3.2  | -4.5 | +6.1 | +1.1 | +0.4 | -0.4 | +2.5  | +2.3 | +3.1 | +28.5 | +27.7          | +0.8          |
| 2020 | +0.4 | -6.9 | -8.5 | +10.8 | +4.4 | +1.9 | +6.5 | +5.6 | -3.6 | -2.5  | +8.4 | +3.4 | +19.4 | +15.9          | +3.5          |
| 2021 | -2.0 | +0.9 | +2.7 | +7.0  | +1.4 | +2.3 | +3.2 | +2.0 | -5.3 | +4.8  | -2.1 | +3.9 | +19.7 | +21.8          | -2.1          |
| 2022 | -6.6 | -3.8 | +2.2 | -8.6  | -2.0 | -7.3 | +8.7 | -6.8 | -9.6 | +4.4  | +8.1 | -4.3 | -24.6 | -18.1          | -6.8          |
| 2023 | +8.3 | -3.4 | +6.8 | +2.4  | +0.7 | +6.2 | +3.2 | -1.7 | -7.6 | -1.6  | +9.1 | +5.2 | +29.5 | +23.8          | +5.1          |
| 2024 | +2.6 | +8.0 | +2.2 | -4.3  | +5.3 | +1.9 | -0.8 | +1.9 | +1.9 | -4.0  | +2.9 | -2.2 | +16.0 | +18.7          | -2.7          |
| 2025 | +4.2 | -1.7 |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      | +2.4  | +2.8           | -0.4          |

See previous page for methodology. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

Fund Information

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|----------------------------|--|
| Portfolio Manager          | Christopher Rossbach                                 |
| Deputy Portfolio Manager   | Katerina Kosmopoulou, CFA                            |
| Launch Date                | 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019                           |
| Management Company         | Waystone Management Company (Lux) SA                 |
| Administrator & Depository | CACEIS Investor Services Bank SA                     |
| Auditor                    | Deloitte Audit S.à.r.l.                              |
| Reference Currency         | US Dollar  |
| Dealing Day                | Every business day in Luxembourg & London            |
| NAV                        | Available by close of business day after Dealing Day |

| Share Class                 | A   | B      | L             | A5/A6   |
|-----------------------------|---|--------|---------------|---------|
| Eligibility                 | All   | Retail | Institutional | Charity |
| Minimum Investment*         | 1m  | 5k     | 25m           | 1m      |
| Management Fee              | 0.90%   | 1.20%  | 0.75%         | 0.65%   |
| OCF                         | 1.20%   | 1.50%  | 1.05%         | 0.95%   |
| Acc./ Dist.                 | Accumulation and Distribution Classes available to all                                |        |               |         |
| Currencies*                 | USD &, unhedged or hedged, EUR, CHF, & GBP USD & GBP                                  |        |               |         |
| Alternative fee structure*  | Reduced annual management fee with additional performance fee available               |        |               |         |
| Subscriptions & Redemptions | Every business day until 3pm Luxembourg time, one business day before the Dealing Day |        |               |         |

Sustainability & ESG

J. Stern & Co is a signatory to the UN PRI; a Member of the SASB Alliance; and strategically aligned to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and its ten Global Compact principles.

The World Stars Global Equity Fund is classified as an 'Article 8 Fund' under the EU's SFDR framework.

Important Information

^ Active Share is as at 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and AUM is latest available at time of going to print. \* Minimum investment is stated in share class currency. Share classes currently available are set out on previous page; other classes can be made available in all currencies displayed and with alternative fee structures on request. ^Median market cap based on USD market cap of companies in the World Stars Global Equity Fund. ^Ave. 5 Year Annual Turnover is based on the World Stars Global Equity Strategy in USD which the Fund follows.

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